

Winn Parish



“Over the years, it has become clear that individual health is closely linked to community health—the health of the community and environment in which individuals live, work, and play. Likewise, community health is profoundly affected by the collective beliefs, attitudes, and behaviors of everyone who lives in the community”

Healthy People 2010

Parish Health Profiles 2005 — Your Parish at a Glance

	Winn	Louisiana	U.S.	HP 2010
ECONOMICS, 2000				
% All persons in poverty	21.5%	19.6%	12.4%	--
% Children under 18 in poverty	28.5%	26.6%	16.6%	--
% Unemployed 16 and over	7.7%	7.3%	5.8%	--
EDUCATION 2002-2003				
School Expenditure per Student	\$7,337	\$6,906	--	--
Student Attendance (average daily attendance as a % of the average number of students enrolled)	95.0%	93.5%	--	--
% High School Drop Outs (as a % of incoming 9th grade)	6.3%	7.0%	--	--
MOTHERS AND CHILDREN, 2002				
Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 births)	5.2	10.2	7.0	4.5
% Receiving prenatal care within first 3 months	87.5%	83.8%	83.7%	90.0%
% Receiving adequate prenatal care (modified Kessner)	80.2%	78.9%	76.2%	--
% Low birth weight	8.2%	10.5%	7.7%	5.0%
% Births to teens ages 15 - 19	16.7%	15.5%	10.6%	--
% Children fully immunized by 2 years old	--	69.8%	78.5%	90.0%
INFECTIOUS DISEASES, 2003 (new cases - rate per 100,000 population)				
Syphilis (primary and secondary)	--	4.1	2.5	0.2
Early Syphilis (primary, secondary and early latent)	0.0	8.6	5.4	--
Chlamydia	301.9	469.8	304.3	3.0
Gonorrhea	130.2	265.6	116.2	19.0
Tuberculosis	0.0	5.8	5.1	1.0
STATEWIDE LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH, 2002 (death rate per 100,000 population)				
Heart	360.5	248.4	241.7	166.0
Cancer	252.3	209.7	193.2	159.9
Cerebrovascular Disease	**	57.4	56.4	48.0
Accidents	**	46.7	37.0	17.5
Diabetes	**	39.5	25.4	45.0
Chronic Lower Respiratory	**	37.8	43.3	--
COMMUNITY SAFETY, 2003				
Validated cases of child abuse/neglect (rate per 1,000 population)	15.5	10.9	12.4	10.3
Deaths caused by motor vehicle crashes (rate per 100 Million Vehicle Miles Traveled)	1.8	2.1	1.5	0.8
HEALTH BEHAVIORS, 2004				
	Region 6	Louisiana	U.S.	HP 2010
% Current cigarette smokers (adults 18+)	28.2%	23.5%	21.0%	12.0%
% Obese - BMI>30 (adults 20+)	27.1%	27.0%	31.1%	15.0%
% Having a mammogram within 2 years (women 40+)	69.0%	74.3%	74.6%	70.0%
% Having a pap smear within 3 years (women 18+)	86.5%	85.2%	85.9%	90.0%
% Having a flu shot in past year (adults 65+)	67.5%	68.6%	67.9%	90.0%

Data Sources:

Economics: U.S. Census 2000 Summary File 3 (SF 3) - Sample Data, 2000

Education: Louisiana Department of Education District-reported data submitted to the Student Information System (SIS) end-of-year (EOY) report and Profile of Educational Personnel (PEP) System. Office of Management and Finance, Division of Planning, Analysis and Information Resources. District Composite Report 2003-2004.

Mothers and Children: DHH/OPH, Louisiana State Center for Health Statistics, 2004 Louisiana Health Report Card and National Vital Statistics Reports, Vol. 53, No. 15, February 2005

Infectious Diseases: DHH/OPH, Sexually Transmitted Disease Program. 2004 and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, "Trends in Reportable Sexually Transmitted Disease in the United States, 2003". NA= Rate not available, # of cases is less than 5

Leading Causes of Death: DHH/OPH, Louisiana State Center for Health Statistics, 2004 Louisiana Health Report Card and National Vital Statistics Reports, Vol. 53, No. 15, February 2005 (**Rates for counts less than 20 are unreliable and are not reported)

Community Safety: Child Abuse--Louisiana Department of Social Services, Office of Community Services, prepared by Prevent Child Abuse Louisiana and Motor Vehicle Deaths--EMS/Injury Research & Prevention Program

Healthy Behaviors: DHH/OPH, Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS), 2004

History^{1, 2}

Created on February 24, 1852, Winn Parish was named after Walter O. Winn, a prominent early Louisiana lawyer from Alexandria. The parish was originally a part of Natchitoches Parish. It is the birthplace of Huey P. Long and his brother, Earl K. Long, both longtime politicians and governors of Louisiana.



A visit to Winn Parish is a step back in time. Historical homes and buildings abound. Winn is rich in stories and folklore of outlaws, bandits, presidents, generals, the Civil War, Indians, railroad men, oil men, and politicians. Winnfield is the home of three governors; Huey and Earl Long and O.K. Allen. Here you can visit the Old Louisiana and Arkansas Depot that houses three museums in one. The forestry section changes its displays regularly and is always of interest. Nearby Kisatchie National Forest offers picnic areas and trails to enjoy the beautiful natural settings. Winn parish is a true Sportsman's Paradise. Fairs and festivals are scheduled regularly throughout the parish.

Parish Seat³ Winnfield

Major Cities (population over 5,000)

- Winnfield

Parish Population⁴

2000..... 16,894

2003 (estimate)16,397

2000 Population by Race

White..... 66.3%

African-American 32.0%

Some other race..... 1.7%

Hispanic of Latino (of any race) 0.9%

2000 Population by Age

Under 5 years 6.3%

5-14 13.8%

15-17 4.8%

18-19 2.7%

20-24 6.9%

25-64 51.6%

65 & over 14.0%

Geography and Statistics⁵

Average elevation 143ft.

Land area in square miles950

Water area in square miles6.4

Climate

Average temperatures

Annual	81°
January	67°
July	82°
Annual average rainfall	58 inches

Labor Force (2001)⁶

Winn Parish

Civilian.....	5746
Employed	5414
Unemployed.....	332
Unemployment.....	5.8%

Louisiana

Civilian.....	2,055,000
Employed	1,956,500
Unemployed.....	98,500
Unemployment Rate	4.8%

Colleges/Universities (within one hour commute)

- Louisiana College, Pineville
- Louisiana State University and A&M College, Alexandria
- Northwestern State University, Natchitoches

1. [Louisiana Almanac](#), 2002-2003 edition, Pelican Publishing Company, Gretna, LA. 2002.
2. Louisiana Office of Tourism. 1998. keywords: regional information
<<http://www.crt.state.la.us/crt/tourism/>>.
3. [Louisiana Almanac](#), 2002-2003 edition, Pelican Publishing Company, Gretna, LA. 2002.
4. U.S. Census Bureau, Summary File 1 (SF 1) and Summary File 3 (SF 3) <<http://www.census.gov>>.
5. U.S. Census Bureau: State and County QuickFacts <<http://www.census.gov>>.
6. Louisiana Department of Labor, Civilian Labor Force Summary
<http://www.ldol.state.la.us/forms/lmi/CLF_Parishes_2000-Present.xls>.